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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Yoji YOKOYAMA Group Art Unit: 2616
Appln. No.: 09/869,267 Examiner: P. Jones
Filed: June 27, 2001
For: COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 12, 2006,
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of
this application in light of the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication
in the Final Rejection that claims 9-13 are allowed and that
claims 15, 17, 20, and 22 are directed to allowable subject
matter.

Claims 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 23 stand rejected, under 35
USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Falck et al. (US
6,360,265) in view of Liberti et al. (US 6,947,408). The
Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the
following remarks.